

6,800 BC

Cattle domesticated (southeastern Anatolia)

6,800 BC → 550 BC

AZILIAN Culture  
Fishing communities  
of western coasts, partly  
degenerate Magdalenian

6,800 B.C.

Catal HÜYÜK, in what is  
now Turkey becomes largest  
Neolithic city

C 6800 BC

The original settlers of Jericho  
were displaced by another Neolithic  
people. This group had not yet  
discovered pottery

6,800 BC to 6000 BC  
8800 to 8000 yrs ago

If walled Jericho (population 3000) had been the earliest marked town, the first settlement to qualify as a city, by virtue of its bustle and crime rate, was

Çatal Hüyük (population 5000) which flourished in Anatolia 8800 to 8000 yrs ago.

Its inhabitants ate beef traded intensively in obsidian, and were weaving cloth by 8500 yrs ago (6500 BC). They decorated their

their shrines with startling multicolored paintings, sculptures, and plastic reliefs. The buildings of the precocious city slickers were huddled together in a continuous mass.

Entry was through the roof, and various platforms served for sleeping and working. Skeletons of the dead were buried cozily under the sleeping platforms, after birds had picked them clean.